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Grant-in-Aid to BORI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), Pune was provided with grant−in-aid for the year 2007-08 for the construction of an Auditorium and a hostel building;

(b) whether the BORI has utilized the amount and has submitted a utilization certificate;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the accounts of BORI has been audited during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a to c) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Culture had sanctioned a sum of Rs. 5.0 crore during 2007-08 for construction of an Auditorium and Hostel Building in Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI) Pune. The institute however, utilised a sum of Rs. 52.19 Lakh towards repairs and renovation of Nizam's Guest House and other works. The utilization certificate has not been submitted by BORI so far.

(d) The execution of the work had been entrusted to Central PWD in 2008. However, due to delay in obtaining the land ownership title documents necessary for seeking approval of the building construction plan from local Municipal Corporation and inadequate response of CPWD regarding preparation of architectural design, building construction plan etc., it was decided by BORI to withdraw the work from Central PWD in the year 2014. The institute has now revised its original plan and is seeking for necessary approvals from the Ministry.

(e) As per information furnished by the Institute, the accounts of BORI have been audited during the last ten years and have duly been submitted to the concerned authority, Pune.